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**Title: Method, System, and Computer
Software for Providing a Genomic Web
Portal**

Examiner: Carolyn Smith

Group Art Unit: 1631

2nd SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, § 1.97 and § 1.98, the documents listed on the accompanying U.S. Patent & Trademark Office's Modified Form-1449 are called to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98, a copy of each cited reference is enclosed herewith.

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	35	US- 2003/0171875 A1.	9/11/03	Frudakis	
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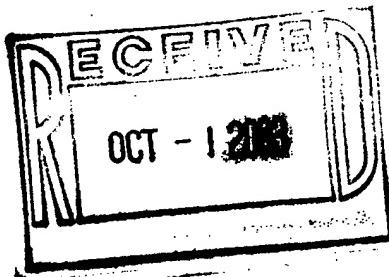
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RE: Patentability Search for "METHOD, SYSTEM AND COMPUTER SOFTWARE FOR VARIANT INFORMATION VIA WEB PORTAL"
Reference No. 3291.7/PCT

Dear Phillip,

A patentability search has been performed on the above subject matter per your request.

The search was directed towards providing biological information such as probe sets identifying targets, collecting this information and analyzing it in a computer, and presenting to a user over a network as a graphical representation of the data.

The following references were uncovered during the search.

2003/0092053

The following references disclose various methods for analyzing and comparing biological molecules in a network environment.

2003/0099973	2003/0108865	2003/0113756
2003/0124539	2003/0125315	2003/0009296
2003/0130801	2003/0134320	2003/0182066
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The following references disclose various computerized methods for analyzing biological molecules.

2002/0183933	2002/0165674	2002/0147549
2002/0187464	2002/0168784	2002/0150932
2002/0098508	2002/0059030	2002/0052692

The following references are disclose as of interest.

2003/0176976	2003/0036857	2003/0124589
2002/0045169	2003/0152969	2003/0054394

The following areas were searched.

Class 702	Subclasses	719, 720
Class 706	Subclass	6
Class 435	Subclass	4, 6

All subclasses in Class 536 were searched in combination with text.

CLASSIFICATION TITLES

CLASS 702	DATA PROCESSING SYSTEMS: MEASURING AND TESTING
CLASS 706	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
CLASS 435	MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
CLASS 536	ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

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An extensive keyword search was done on EAST, JPO, EPO

The search can be further extended into the following areas:

Class 536/24.3, 24.31, 24.32

Class 530

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If I can be of further service in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Respectfully,

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